(a) whether Government have decided to lift ban on sale of rice meant for exports in the domestic market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that all genuine exporters would be worst sufferer who are unable to compete in the international market; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect interest of the genuine exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) No, Sir. Stocks lifted from Central Pool for export purposes ought not to be sold in the domestic market.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Draught/flood affected families in Tamil Nadu

3011. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation of rice by Tamil Nadu Government for the drought/flood affected families during the current year;

(b) whether Government have studied the demand and supply of the State during the drought/flood for the last five years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to evolve a mechanism to solve the problem of drought/flood affected families of the State in terms of timely allocation of rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (d) No request has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu for undertaking a study of the demand and supply of foodgrains during drought/floods in the last five years or for setting up of a Central mechanism to ensure timely supplies.

A quanitity of 50,000 MTs of rice had been allocated by the Central Government to the State Government free of cost for drought affected families during the current year.